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Sir :

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the outstanding Office Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is set in the Office Action to expire on March 10, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely filed and no fee is required for its consideration. However, if any extensions of time are deemed necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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